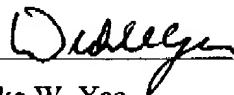


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are now pending in the present application. Examination is respectfully requested.

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